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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"3,078."

* 1095 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the number of eviction suits filed in Malabar between 1st January and 28th February 1953 and between 1st March and 16th March 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"Between 1st January and 28th February 1953—632.

"Between 1st March and 16th March 1953—2,597."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—"Are the Government aware that several courts have not stayed such suits and are proceeding with the trial and in view of this, will Government issue an Ordinance staying all eviction suits and eviction proceedings pending disposal of the Malabar Tenancy Bill now before the Assembly?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"Sir, I think the courts act under the law prevailing now. The comprehensive Bill on the subject is before the Joint Select Committee which will be meeting shortly."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—"Sir, in view of the fact that the comprehensive Bill does not contain any provisions to tighten up eviction proceedings, would the Hon. Minister in charge agree to be influenced by the large number of eviction suits?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"Yes, Sir. I will consider."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"Sir, inasmuch as 2,000 suits have been filed in the course of 15 days and many of them are intended to circumvent the possible change under the Tenancy Legislation, will the Government be pleased to stop all evictions by means of an Ordinance?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"Sir, the issue of an Ordinance is an extraordinary thing which requires to be looked into carefully."

SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—"Sir, do the numbers given include the number of suits in the Hosdrug District Munsif's Court in South Kanara and what was the number of cases there?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"I want notice, Sir."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—"Sir, have the Government got any programme to stop the Jenmis from evicting the peasants, who have not been able to pay arrears of rent due to drought?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"All that will be gone into when we consider the Bill."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—"Sir, the Hon. Minister said that the issue of an Ordinance is an extraordinary thing. In Malabar,

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eviction itself is an extraordinary thing, because there are a large number of eviction suits. Will Government find a way immediately to stop the eviction suits proceeding further?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, if it is so extraordinary as to warrant exceptional action to be taken, it will be taken."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" For how long will the stay order remain, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Until the new legislation is put on the Statute Book, Sir."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, can we know whether there is a specific provision in the existing Malabar Act enabling ryots to pray for a stay order? If there is no such provision, would the Government consider passing an immediate law to prevent such eviction suits being filed?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Under the existing law, all eviction suits stand stayed."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Both because three to four thousand suits have been filed in a month and also because of a recent decision of the Madras High Court, which has stripped the tenants because they had been under the impression prevailing in the mufassal courts that they should deposit rents in advance, there has arisen an extraordinary situation now. Would the Hon. Minister consider the question of meeting the extraordinary situation by an extraordinary remedy, viz., an Ordinance?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. For that I may probably be given some time to examine the matter carefully."

Trichembaram Higher Elementary School, Taliparamba.

* 1091 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the reasons why the Government withdrew the recognition of the Trichembaram Higher Elementary School in Taliparamba, North Malabar, in the middle of the school-year 1952–53, and gave permission to the newly recognized elementary school without permission to open lower standards also?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The recognition of the Trichembaram Higher Elementary School was withdrawn for the reason that the management of the School violated the provision in the rules relating to the grant of recognition and aid to elementary schools and failed to carry out the orders of the Departmental Officers.

" Permission was given to the newly recognized Elementary School for the opening of standards VI to VIII only, as the Local School Committee had applied for permission to open Higher Elementary School alone in the village, there being no Higher Elementary Schools within a radius of four miles